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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
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FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-New)

SUBJECT: CHANGED
KU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES
LANCASTER-PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA AREA
RACIAL MATTERS

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Re Los Angeles teletype dated 10/24/63, captioned "KU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA AREA."

The title is changed to more appropriately describe this investigation.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning the above. One copy is being furnished to 115th INTC, U. S. Army, Pasadena.

The first source utilized in enclosed letterhead memorandum is [redacted] (full name), [redacted], who is employed as a [redacted]. Los Angeles indices contain no information identifiable with [redacted] who is described as a male white American; born [redacted]

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The second source utilized in enclosed letterhead memorandum is [redacted] (RAC).

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JACKSONVILLE

(1) Will contact sources familiar with UFKKK for any information indicating WESLEY SWIFT's organization in California is affiliated with that group.

(2) Will advise if the red sash, white robe with blue circular shield containing a red cross, are significant with regard to the UFKKK.

HOUSTON

Will review files for any information identifiable with [redacted].

AT [redacted] TEXAS: Will conduct credit and criminal checks concerning [redacted].

AT [redacted] TEXAS: Will conduct appropriate credit and criminal checks concerning [redacted].

AT [redacted] TEXAS: Will conduct credit and criminal checks concerning [redacted].

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LOS ANGELES

(1) Will conduct investigation concerning alleged Ku Klux Klan organization in the Lancaster-Palmdale area.

(2) Will conduct investigation in an effort to determine reliability of [redacted] and to fully develop any additional information which he has concerning this group. b6 b7C b7D

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Los Angeles, California
October 25, 1963

KU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES
LANCASTER-PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA AREA

A source with whom contact has been insufficient to determine reliability furnished the following information:

[redacted] October 19, 1963, at an unknown place in the Lancaster, California area, [redacted] Thirty-eight people were in attendance at this meeting, twenty-one of whom were being initiated into the organization. On an American flag-draped table near the front of the room rested a large Bible with a sword across it. On the wall was a large blue circle with a red cross in the middle. b7D

Dr. Wesley Swift of Lancaster, California, presided at the meeting and stated the purpose of the group was to preserve the Constitution of the United States and the white race and to fight communism. Swift instructed that members must be willing to die before they would reveal any secrets of the Klan and stated that if any member were found to be informing on the Klan, he would be tried by a tribunal and punished so that he would never be able to reveal secrets again. Those in attendance were asked to complete an information card setting forth their name, address, telephone number and any specialty. Two men were observed carrying automatic shotguns, and it was explained that they had been on guard against intrusions. The majority of those in attendance at this meeting also wore sidearms.

Dr. Swift stated that the group was planning a "hit" of a business firm for the following Saturday evening, October 26, 1963, and he inquired as to the availability of an old hat and some "Negro hair" to leave at this undisclosed business address. Source had no knowledge of what was meant by this statement nor could he comment on its significance.

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The new members were furnished with a white cloth robe with a round blue shield encircling a red cross on the left breast. In addition, they were furnished with a red satin sash, as well as a white cloth hood with eye holes in it.

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on September 17, 1962, that on September 14, 1962, Wesley Swift was initiated into the Jacksonville, Florida Unit of the United Florida Ku Klux Klan (see appendix).

On October 24, 1963, the first source mentioned above advised that he had learned that the first action to be taken by Swift's group would be against Wilson's TV Service located at Quartz Hill, California. This business is [redacted], a male Negro. The source had no information as to the time, date, or type of action planned regarding Wilson's TV Service. b6 b7C

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, which covers the Lancaster-Palmdale area, was informed of the above-proposed action by this group. The 115th INTC, U. S. Army, Pasadena, California, was also informed of the above.

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LANCASTER-PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA AREA

APPENDIX

UNITED FLORIDA KU KLUX KLAN
JACKSONVILLE
(UFKKK)

A source advised on August 20, 1955, that a new organization known as Florida Ku Klux Klan (FKKK) had been formed at Macclenny, Florida, on August 14, 1955, by former members of the Association of Florida Ku Klux Klan (AFKKK).

The objectives of this group, according to a second source, are to oppose integration in the schools and to fight communism.

Regarding AFKKK, a third source advised that a former official of the Association of Georgia Klans (AGK) formed an organization on July 7, 1953, known as AFKKK. The "Morning Tribune," Tampa, Florida, newspaper, in its August 11, 1955, issue revealed AFKKK disbanded on that date.

A fourth source advised on October 25, 1956, that AFKKK operated under the same principles and bylaws as the AGK. The AGK has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A fifth source advised on February 17, 1958, that the FKKK was operating and maintaining the same objectives as set forth above.

A sixth source advised on June 28, 1961, that at a meeting held in Orlando, Florida, on June 25, 1961, the FKKK and the United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., in Florida, consolidated and the new organization is known as the UFKKK.

On May 17, 1962, the sixth source advised that the UFKKK is still in existence in Florida and maintains the same objectives set forth above.

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FROM DIRECTOR, FBI ~~157-5-96~~

KU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AREA, RM.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL OCTOBER TWENTY-FOUR, LAST.

INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE LOCAL AUTHORITIES KEPT ADVISED OF KLAN ACTION SPECIFICALLY INVOLVING VIOLENCE WHEN ASCERTAINED BY YOUR OFFICE.

FOLLOW MATTER CLOSELY; KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING MANNER AND BY WHOM [redacted] WAS INVITED TO JOIN KU KLUX KLAN GROUP.

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NOTE: [redacted] of unknown reliability, advised [redacted] meeting, Lancaster, Calif., area, 10/19/63. KKK group planned to "hit" on Sat., 10/26/63, unidentified business. Informant subsequently learned first action by group will be Wilson's T. V., Quartz Hill, Calif., [redacted] male Negro. Further details unknown. Investigation being conducted by LA to ascertain additional info. LA being instructed to advise appropriate local authorities of any contemplated violence. APPROPRIATE LOCAL AUTHORITIES ARE NOW ADVISED OF PROPOSED ACTION IN [illegible]

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES 157-NEW 2P

KU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES, LOS ANGELES, CALIF. AREA. RM. [redacted] PAREN CONCEAL UNPAREN WITH WHOM CONTACT INSUFFICIENT TO DETERMINE RELIABILITY ADVISED [redacted] MEETING HELD UNKNOWN PLACE, LANCASTER, CALIF. AREA, OCT. NINETEEN, LAST. STATED [redacted] THIRTYEIGHT PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE, TWENTYONE OF WHOM WERE NEW MEMBERS BEING INITIATED. WESLEY SWIFT, BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH THREE FIVE FIVE FOUR FIVE FOUR, PRESIDED. ALL PARTICIPANTS WORE WHITE HOODS.

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SWIFT STATED GROUP WAS PLANNING ~~QUOTE~~ "HIT" ~~UNQUOTE~~ FOR SATURDAY EVENING, OCT. TWENTY SIX, NEXT, AT UNIDENTIFIED BUSINESS. SWIFT REQUESTED OLD HAT AND ~~QUOTE~~ "NEGRO" ~~UNQUOTE~~ UNQUOTE HAIR BE OBTAINED TO LEAVE AT BUSINESS. SOURCE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT WAS MEANT BY THIS STATEMENT NOR COULD HE COMMENT ON SIGNIFICANCE.

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ON OCT. TWENTYFOUR, INSTANT, SOURCE STATED HE HAD SINCE LEARNED THAT FIRST ACTION BY GROUP WOULD BE AGAINST WILSON-S TV, QUARTZ HILL, CALIF., WHICH BUSINESS IS [redacted], MALE NEGRO. TIME, DATE, OR TYPE OF ACTION PLANNED REGARDING [redacted] UNKNOWN TO SOURCE. b6 b7C

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF-S OFFICE, WHICH COVERS PALMDALE, LANCASTER AREA, AND US ARMY LOCALLY ADVISED OF FOREGOING.

[redacted] ADVISED SEPT. SEVENTEEN, SIXTYTWO, THAT ON SEPT. FOURTEEN, SIXTYTWO, WESLEY SWIFT INITIATED INTO JACKSONVILLE, FAL. UNIT OF UNITED FLORIDA KU KLUX KLAN. b7D

LOS ANGELES INDICES NEGATIVE RE [redacted] WHO IS DESCRIBED AS MALE, WHITE, AMERICAN, BORN [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES TO DEVELOPE ADDITIONAL INFO AND DETERMINE RELIABILITY OF SOURCE AND INFO FURNISHED BY HIM. LETTERHEAD MEMO FOLLOWS.

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AREA, RACIAL MATTERS.

REBURAD OCTOBER TWENTY FIVE LAST.

[redacted] PAREN (CONCEAL) UNPAREN EMPLOYED [redacted]

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REPRESENTED KU KLUX KLAN IN THE AREA. [redacted]

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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF/S OFFICE HAS
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PALMDALE AREA AND IS BEING KEPT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS WITH RESPECT TO POSSIBLE ACTS OF VIOLENCE.

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE IS FOLLOWING THIS MATTER CLOSELY, AND THE BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMEMTS.

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FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-712)

RE : CHANGED
KU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES, aka.
Knights of the Invisible Empire,
Lancaster-Palmdale, California area
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Los Angeles teletype dated 11/5/63.

Title is being marked "CHANGED" to add the alias of Knights of the Invisible Empire, as Dr. SWIFT has told members this will be the name of the Klan in order to make it a legal organization.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning the above. One copy is being furnished to 115th INTC, U.S. Army, Pasadena, California. Two copies each are being furnished to the Jacksonville and Tampa Offices.

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The first source utilized in enclosed letterhead memorandum is [redacted], previously identified for the Bureau. On 11/3/63, it was determined through the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Because of this indication of [redacted] possible instability, no further attempt will be made to develop him, although any information he furnishes will be accepted. b6 b7C b7D

The second source mentioned in the letterhead memorandum is [redacted] and described as:

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Birth Data	[redacted]
Height	
Weight	
Hair	
Eyes	
Marital Status	Married

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[redacted] is [redacted] and voluntarily contacted the resident agent at Lancaster on 11/4/63, with information set forth.

Appropriate background investigation will be conducted and Bureau authority requested to develop him as an informant.

On 11/4/63, [redacted] (Full Name), [redacted] contacted the resident agent at Lancaster, and advised [redacted] and that because of being made aware of true purposes of KKK, volunteered his services as informant. [redacted] is described as: b6 b7C b7D

BORN [redacted]

Name	[redacted] (Full Name)
Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Birth Data	[redacted]
Height	
Weight	
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Hair	
Marital Status	Married
Citizenship	[redacted]

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Appropriate background investigation will be conducted and Bureau authority requested to develop him as an informant.

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TAMPA OFFICE:

AT TAMPA, FLORIDA: Will contact sources familiar with the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (KKKK), aka. Knights of the White Camellia, to determine if there is any information available that organization of KKK, aka. Knights of the Invisible Empire, in California is affiliated with the KKKK.

JACKSONVILLE OFFICE: Information copy being sent in view investigation presently being conducted by that office.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Los Angeles, California
November 7, 1963

KU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES
LANCASTER-PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA AREA

A source with whom contact has been insufficient to determine reliability furnished the following information:

He attended a meeting of the Ku Klux Klan on [redacted] The meeting was presided over by [redacted] of Dr. WESLEY A. SWIFT. Several members of the group of fourteen that met carried sidearms, and all wore the white KKK robes, but no hoods.

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[redacted] devoted the major part of the meeting to explaining the organizational structure of the KKK, which he has emphasized to members is a national organization. He gave members the following terms to use:

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1. INVISIBLE EMPIRE - refers to the national structure of the KKK

2. REALM - refers to the structure of the KKK within one state

3. KLAVERN - refers to the KKK structure within a city or county area

4. KLAGLE - the leader of a KLAVERN - [redacted] is local KLAGLE

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5. KLUD - the "chaplain" of a REALM - SWIFT is Klud for State of California

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6. DEN - each KLAVERN is composed of an inner or outer Den, the inner being described as the "hard core" members who can be relied upon, and the "outer" being the newer and untried members.

7. KNIGHTS OF THE WHITE CAMELLIA - selected members known only to the top figures who watch for Klansmen who commit wrong acts, and a white Camellia is mailed to these individuals.

[redacted] told the meeting [redacted] the Klan had hard core members in the military forces and in the Pentagon, but did not furnish any names. b6 b7C

He told the group that in the future, any proposed "hits" in this area would be performed by members from other Klaverns, and that this area would send members to other areas to perform their "hits". As previously explained by [redacted], a hit is the burning or bombing of a building.

[redacted] told the group that in the future, meetings would be held every other Saturday night, and that the place of assembly would be known only to him until members met in their cars at a designated spot.

A second source with whom contact has been insufficient to determine reliability furnished the following information:

The second source [redacted] the meeting presided over by Dr. WESLEY A. SWIFT. On November 4, 1963, [redacted] told him that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D [redacted]. Based on previously available information, it was surmised that the hit was proposed against Wilson's T.V., 41939 50th Street West, Lancaster, California, [redacted] a Negro, who is also employed by [redacted] in Lancaster, Cal.

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LANCASTER-PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA AREA

On the evening of November 5, 1963, the second source advised that because [redacted] He stated [redacted] had definitely identified the target of the hit as Wilson's T.V., and that it had been selected for a hit because the Klan felt [redacted] had been put in business at that location by the NAACP, and was being kept there at NAACP expense, since [redacted] was not making money.

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The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, which covers the Lancaster-Palmdale area, was informed of the proposed action by this group on November 4, 1963, and of the cancellation of the proposed action on November 5, 1963, The 115th INTC, U.S. Army, Pasadena, California, was also informed of the above information on November 5, 1963.

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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC, LOS ANGELES 157-712

FROM SAC, OMAHA ~~115~~ 157-171 2P

KU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES, LANCASTER DASH PALMDALE, CALIF. AREA, AKA. CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE. RM. OO LOS ANGELES. RE LOS ANGELES TEL ELEVEN /FIFTEEN LAST.

[redacted], AGE [redacted] IN SIGNED STATEMENT ADVISED HE, [redacted] AND PERSON KNOWN TO HIM AS [redacted], DESCRIBED AS ABOUT [redacted], APPROXIMATELY [redacted]. ON NIGHT OF NOV. NINE LAST PLAYED CARDS FROM NINE PM UNTIL ABOUT ELEVEN PM AND THEN ALL FOUR DISCUSSED RELIGION UNTIL ABOUT ONE TO TWO A. M. NOV. TEN LAST WHEN ALL FOUR WENT TO BED AT [redacted] RESIDENCE. [redacted] STATES HE, [redacted] SLEPT IN LIVING ROOM AND [redacted] IN BEDROOM. [redacted] AS SURE AS HE CAN BE THAT NO ONE LEFT THE HOUSE FROM TIME THEY WENT TO BED SUNDAY MORNING UNTIL APPROXIMATELY SEVEN A. M. THAT DAY WHEN HE AND [redacted] WENT HUNTING WITH TWO OTHER INDIVIDUALS.

[redacted] STATES ONLY KNOWLEDGE HE HAS OF FIRE IS READING IN ANTELOP VALLEY PAPER ON NOV. ELEVEN LAST OF FIRE AT TV STORE AT QUARTZ HILL, DATE UNKNOWN. RECALLED ARTICLE MENTIONED ARSON INVESTIGATORS TRYING TO DETERMINE CAUSE OF FIRE AND HE SHOWED ARTICLE TO [redacted]. HE COULD RECALL HEARING NOTHING MORE CONCERNING THIS FIRE.

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[redacted] STATES HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY ORGANIZATION IN LANCASTER AREA THAT PROPOSED TO BURN OR DID BURN THIS TV STORE.

[redacted] CLAIMED TO HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY HATE TYPE ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS AREA. HE STATED [redacted] A DOCTOR SWIFT, LEADER OF CHRISTIAN GROUP, NAME NOT KNOWN TO HIM IN LANCASTER AND OTHER SOUTHERN CALIF. CITIES. FROM WHAT HE UNDERSTANDS OF THIS GROUP FROM [redacted] AND SWIFT, IT IS ANTI DASH COMMUNIST AND FEELS THAT THE NEGRO RACE WAS NOT PUT ON EARTH BY GOD AND JEWISH PEOPLE ARE FINANCIALLY BACKI THE NEGRO FIGHT FOR EQUALITY.

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SIGNED STATEMENT BEING FORWARDED LOS ANGELES.

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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC, SAN DIEGO

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES /157-712/ /2P/

~~KLU~~ KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES, LANCASTER DASH PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA, AREA, AKA CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE, RACIAL MATTERS. OO - LOS ANGELES.

ON NOVEMBER TWENTYTHREE INSTANT, [redacted], LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF-S OFFICE, LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THAT ON NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO LAST SOURCE, [redacted] ADVISED THAT ON NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO LAST [redacted] ADVISED HIM AN UNIDENTIFIED GROUP IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, WOULD QUOTE TAKE CARE OF UNQUOTE A JEWISH TEMPLE IN THE CITY ON AN UNKNOWN DATE AND AT UNKNOWN LOCATION BUT INDICATED IN NEAR FUTURE.

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FOR INFORMATION SAN DIEGO OFFICE, [redacted] IS LEADER OR KLAGLE OF LOCAL KKK IN LANCASTER. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS PRIOR TO NOVEMBER TEN LAST [redacted] HAD TOLD INFORMANTS HE WAS GOING TO QUOTE HIT UNQUOTE WILSON-S TV SALES AND SERVICE, LAT

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LANCASTER, A STORE OWNED BY A NEGRO. ON NOVEMBER TEN LAST AT APPROXIMATELY THREE THIRTY AM WILSON-S STORE FIRE BOMBED WITH GALLON JUGS OF CLEANING FLUID, DOING EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO INTERIOR. LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF-S OFFICE, WHO IS CONDUCTING THE INVESTIGATION, FEELS [redacted] AND ANOTHER ASSOCIATE, [redacted], STARTED THE FIRE. INFORMANT UNABLE TO ELABORATE ON STATEMENT MADE BY [redacted]. SOURCES ACQUAINTED WITH [redacted] HAVE BEEN ALERTED AND BUREAU AND SAN DIEGO WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS. ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH INTC, US ARMY, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED OF THIS INFORMATION.

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LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM BEING SENT THIS DATE.

SAN DIEGO DISSEMINATE THIS INFORMATION TO COGNIZANT POLICE AUTHORITIES.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC, SAN DIEGO /157-NEW/ 1P

KLU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES, LANCASTER DASH PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA, AREA, AKA CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE, RACIAL MATTERS. OO - LOS ANGELES.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND SAN DIEGO NOVEMBER TWENTYTHREE INSTANT.

[redacted] SEVENTYITH ORDNANCE DETACHMENT, FORT ROSECRANS, [redacted], DUTY OFFICER, SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND [redacted], DUTY OFFICER, SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFF-S OFFICE, ALERTED TO INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES /157-NEW/ 1P

KU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AREA, RACIAL MATTERS.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE OCTOBER TWENTY SIX LAST.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF/S OFFICE MAINTAINED LOOSE SURVEILLANCE OF WILSONS RADIO AND TV SERVICE NIGHT OF OCTOBER TWENTY SIX LAST, AND NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OBSERVED. CLOSE ATTENTION BEING AFFORDED THIS SITUATION, AND BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF/S OFFICE WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED OF ANY PROPOSED VIOLENCE BY SWIFT AND ASSOCIATES.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES /157-712/ 2P

KU KLUX KLAN, ACTIVITIES DASH LANCASTER DASH PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA, AREAS.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE, OCTOBER TWENTY SEVEN, LAST.

ON NOVEMBER FOUR LAST [redacted] PAREN CONCEAL UNPAREN, [redacted] WITH WHOM CONTACTS INSUFFICIENT TO EVALUATE RELIABILITY CONTACTED RA AT LANCASTER AND ADVISED [redacted] KU KLUX KLAN, ALSO KNOWN AS THE KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE [redacted] OCTOBER NINETEEN, LAST, AT MEETING PRESIDED OVER BY DR. WESLEY A. SWIFT. INFORMATION FURNISHED BY HIM RE OCTOBER NINETEEN MEETING GENERALLY THE SAME AS FURNISHED BY PCI [redacted] AND ANOTHER POSSIBLE PCI, [redacted], PAREN CONCEAL UNPAREN, WITH WHOM CONTACT INSUFFICIENT TO EVALUATE RELIABILITY, WHO ADVISED [redacted] 157-1127-6 [redacted] LAST.

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ON NOVEMBER FOUR, LAST [redacted] ADVISED THAT ON SAME DATE [redacted] [redacted] INFORMED HIM THAT A HIT WAS PLANNED ON FIFTIETH STREET IN

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LANCASTER AGAINST A NEGRO MAN ON NIGHT OF NOVEMBER FIVE INSTANT AND [redacted] AMONG OTHERS TO MEET AT [redacted] HOME EVENING NOVEMBER FIVE INSTANT. HIT TO CONSIST OF THROWING MOLOTOV COCKTAIL INTO BUILDING. BASED ON PAST INFORMATION THIS PROBABLY REFERS TO WILSON-S TV SHOP, WHICH IS LOCATED ON FIFTIETH STREET WEST NEAR LANCASTER, DETAILS CONCERNING WHICH PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED BUREAU. ON NOVEMBER FIVE INSTANT [redacted] ADVISED [redacted] [redacted] AND WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN, BUT HIT PRESUMABLE STILL SET FOR THIS DATE. LOS ANGELES COUNTY SO AT LANCASTER ADVISED OF PROPOSED HIT ON NOVEMBER FOUR LAST AND WILL BE FURNISHED ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROMPTLY. U. S. ARMY ADVISED LOCALLY.

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LOS ANGELES FOLLOWING CLOSELY AND BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

LOS ANGELES INDICES NEGATIVE RE [redacted].

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U R G E N T 11-6-63 2-29 AM PST LKW

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES

KU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES, LANCASTER - PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA, AREA. RM.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL DATED NOVEMBER FIVE LAST.

AT NINE ZERO FIVE P.M., ELEVEN FIVE LAST, PCI CONTACT [redacted], PAREN CONCEAL UNPAREN ADVISED HIT AGAINST WILSON/S TV SHOP [redacted]

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF/S OFFICE ADVISED LOOSE SURVIELLANCE OF WILSON/S SHOP UNTIL MIDNIGHT, ELEVEN FIVE LAST, REFLECTED NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY.

BU AND LASO WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY FURTHER INFORMATION.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-712)

RE: KU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES
LANCASTER-PALMDALE,
CALIFORNIA AREA, aka
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Re Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau 11/10/63.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning the setting fire to Wilsons TV Shop, Lancaster, California, on 11/10/63. One (1) copy is being furnished to the 115th INTC, U. S. Army, Pasadena, California, which was orally notified on 11/10/63 of the incident.

The first source quoted in the letterhead memorandum is [redacted] a PCI contact, who advised on 11/10/63 that [redacted] and had no information as to whether or not [redacted] set fire to the shop. He stated that [redacted] told him last week that the next hit will be the aerial bombing of a Jewish church in Lancaster using an airplane belonging to a member of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK). b6 b7C b7D

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The second source is [redacted], a PCI contact.

[redacted] is being turned over to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, (LACSO) Lancaster Substation, as they will attempt to direct [redacted] activities through [redacted] in an informant status, and attempt to apprehend [redacted] and other KKK members in the commission of, or preparation for a hit. On 11/10/63 PCI contact [redacted] was turned over to the Sheriff's Office for the same reason. b6 b7C b7D

On 11/10/63 [redacted] advised the LACSO he was aware that the local FBI knew that "an organization" had considered burning down his store, but the Sheriff's Office noted [redacted] appeared more concerned over his insurance policy than anything else. The LACSO has not eliminated the possibility that [redacted] could have set fire to the store himself in view of his prior knowledge of KKK intentions. This; however, is pure conjecture on their part. b6 b7C

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Los Angeles, California
November 11, 1963

KU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES
LANCASTER-PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA AREA

On November 10, 1963, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, Lancaster, California, advised that at approximately 3:30 a.m. on that date an unknown subject had set fire to Wilsons TV Sales and Service, 41949 50th Street West, Quartz Hill, (Lancaster) California, by breaking a side window and apparently throwing a glass jar of gasoline or kerosene into the store. Fragments of a glass jar and a piece of charred cloth approximately five inches long were found in the interior of the store. The Sheriff's Office also found on the roof of this store fragments of a second glass jar and fragments of what appeared to be a charred cloth in a burned area.

Damage to the store and contents was estimated by the Sheriff's Office as approximately $2,000.00. Their investigation to date has failed to identify the person setting the fire.

A source with whom contact has been insufficient to determine reliability, advised on November 10, 1963, that the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) in Lancaster plans as their next hit the aerial bombing of a Jewish church, using the airplane of one of their members, this church alleged to be located on Avenue "J" in Lancaster.

Another source with whom contact has been insufficient to determine reliability, advised that on November 30, 1963, an initiation meeting will be held at a yet unknown location in Lancaster for over 100 new members of the KKK gathered from the entire State of California.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: November 12, 1963

FROM : Mr. McGowan

SUBJECT: KU KLUX KLAN Activities
LANCASTER COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
RACIAL MATTERS

Agent [redacted] Los Angeles Office called 7:35 A.M. (EST) 11-10-63 stating information was received from Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office that fire was discovered about 3:30 A.M. (PCT) 11-10-63 at Wilson's TV Sales and Service, 41939 50th Street, Quartz Hill, Lancaster. Store is [redacted] Negro, who is active in NAACP affairs in that area. b6 b7C

Information received from local authorities indicated no one was hurt in the fire but there was extensive damage to interior of store. Located at scene was cloth smelling of gasoline and fragments of glass.

Agent [redacted] stated in the past information was furnished Bureau by Los Angeles Office indicating several members of the Ku Klux Klan had mentioned possibility of throwing "Molotov cocktails" into Wilson's store. The Los Angeles Office has disseminated all pertinent information to local authorities. 157-5-26-10 b6 b7C

Los Angeles is not conducting any investigation in connection with the fire. Local authorities have been advised of the availability of our scientific facilities for possible examinations desired. Press inquiries will be so answered.

ACTION:

Los Angeles was instructed to submit teletype concerning this matter and to keep Bureau advised of developments. The Civil Rights Division will be advised and confirmation in writing will be made to Assistant Attorney General [redacted] of the Department. b6 b7C

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URGENT 11-15-63 10-30 PM CST IJS

TO DIRECTOR AND SAC LOS ANGELES 157-712

FROM SAC OMAHA 157-171 1P

KU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES, LANCASTER DASH PALMDALE, CALIF. AREA, AKA. CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE. RM. OO LOS ANGELES.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL THIS DATE.

[redacted] ADVISED HIS SON/S EXACT WHEREABOUTS IN OMAHA UNKNOWN TO HIM UNTIL MORNING NOVEMBER SIXTEEN NEXT WHEN HE SHOULD BE AT HOME. WITHOUT STATING REASON FOR DESIRED CONTACT WITH [redacted] [redacted] VOLUNTERED HE ASSUMED IT WAS IN REFERENCE TO [redacted] VISIT WITH RELATIVES, THE [redacted], IN LANCASTER, CALIF., SINCE THE [redacted] HAVE CALLED [redacted] TWICE ADVISING THAT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF/S OFFICE HAD TRIED TO LOCATE HIM FOR INTERVIEW BEFORE HE DEPARTED CALIFORNIA.

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OMAHA WILL COVER LEAD IN REFERENCE TELETYPE AS SOON AS [redacted] AVAILABLE ELEVEN SIXTEEN NEXT AND SUTEL RESULTS.

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URGENT 11-15-63 3-22 PM GRJ

TO DIRECTOR AND SAC, OMAHA

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES /157-712/ 4P

KU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES, LANCASTER DASH PALMDALE, CALIF. AREA, AKA CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE. RM. OO LOS ANGELES.

ON OCT. NINETEEN, LAST, INITIATION MEETING HELD LANCASTER, AT WHICH APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN LOCAL MEMBERS INDUCTED INTO KKK. INFORMANTS SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED LOS ANGELES OFFICE THAT KKK PLANNED TO BOMB OR BURN WILSONS RADIO AND TV SALES AND SERVICE, FOUR ONE NINE THREE NINE FIFTIETH ST. WEST, LANCASTER, [redacted], A NEGRO. INFORMANTS ADVISED THAT BOMBING POSTPONED TWICE BY KKK, BUT AT APPROXIMATELY THREE THIRTY A.M. ON SUNDAY, NOV. TEN, LAST, UNSUB THROUGH ONE GALLON GLASS JAR CONTAINING UNIDENTIFIED FLUID THROUGH SIDE WINDOW OF WILSONS SHOP, CAUSING ESTENSIVE FIRE DAMAGE TO INTERIOR, AND ALSO THREW SIMILAR JAR ON ROOF, WHICH FAILED TO IGNITE ROOF. BOTH JARS APPARENTLY FIRED BY LIGHTED CLOTH WICKS. INFORMANTS

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IN ORGANIZATION HAVE INDICATED KKK, LANCASTER, COMMITTED ACT, BUT NO POSITIVE EVIDENCE OBTAINED TO DATE.

LOS ANGELES OFFICE CONDUCTING NO INVESTIGATION RE THIS INCIDENT AND ALL INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF/S OFFICE PAREN LASO UNPAREN.

ON NOV. THIRTEEN, LAST, LASO INTERVIEWED EIGHT MEMBERS OF LOCAL Ku Klux Klan KKK FOR KNOWLEDGE OF FIRE, LIMITING INTERVIEWS TO THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE FIRE AND THEIR WHEREABOUTS ON NOV. NINE AND TEN, LAST, MAKING NO MENTION OF KKK OR ANY ORGANIZATION THESE INDIVIDUALS MAY BELONG TO. ALIBIS OF [redacted], AKA. [redacted], LOCAL KLAVERN LEADER, [redacted], MEMBER, AND [redacted], MEMBER, IDENTICAL IN THAT THEY STATED THEY PLAYED POKER AT HOME OF [redacted], LOCATED [redacted] ALL EVENING ON NOV. NINE, LAST, AND UNTIL DAWN, NOV. TEN, LAST, AT WHICH TIME [redacted] PREPARED BREAKFAST OF PANCAKES FOR ALL. ALL PERSONS INTERVIEWED BY LASO DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF FIRE. BASED ON KNOWLEDGE OF PRIOR PLANS TO BURN WILSON/S STORE LASO NOW CONSIDERING PROSECUTION OF [redacted] FOR CONSPIRACY TO BURN WILSONS STORE.

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FOURTH MEMBER PRESENT AT [redacted] RESIDENCE DURING ABOVE PERIOD OF TIME WAS [redacted] WHO LEFT VIA UNITED AIR LINES FROM LOS ANGELES FOR OMAHA, NEBRASKA, ON NOV. TWELVE, LAST, AND PRESENTLY AT HOME OF [redacted]. LASO DESIRES BUREAU AGENTS INTERVIEW [redacted] TO DETERMINE IF HE SUBSTANTIATES ALIBI OF [redacted] FOR PERIOD OF NOV. NINE DASH TEN, LAST, AND TO DETERMINE HIS WHEREABOUTS, SAME PERIOD, AS LASO MAY CONSIDER PROSECUTION OF [redacted] ALSO.

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OMAHA OBTAIN SIGNED STATEMENT FROM [redacted] COVERING FOLLOWING SPECIFIC QUESTIONS IN FOLLOWING SEQUENCE COLON. ONE, DETERMINE [redacted] WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD PRIOR TO MENTIONING [redacted] OR FIRE. TWO, DETERMINE HIS KNOWLEDGE OF FIRE, INCLUDING ANY RUMORS, GOSSIP, ETC. THREE, DETERMINE, WITHOUT NAMING KKK, IF HE HAS KNOWLEDGE OF ANY ORGANIZATION IN LANCASTER DASH PALMDALE AREA THAT EITHER PROPOSED TO BURN OR DID BURN WILSONS STORE. IN ADDITON TO SIGNED STATEMENT HIS KNOWLEDGE OF ANY HATE TYPE ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS SAME AREA. ABOVE INTERVIEW SHOULD BE CONDUCTED WITHOUT ANY REFERENCE

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TO KKK OR FACT THAT FBI AND LASO HAVE KNOWLEDGE THAT KKK IS OPERATING IN CALIFORNIA. OMAHA SHOULD CONDUCT INTERVIEW UPON RECEIPT THIS TEL AND SUTEL SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW IMMEDIATELY TO LOS ANGELES AND BUREAU. IF [redacted] FURNISHES SIGNED STATEMENT, FORWARD TO LOS ANGELES OFFICE. IF [redacted] NOT LOCATED THERE, SET FORTH SAME LEAD BY URGENT TEL.

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[redacted] DESCRIBED WHITE, MALE, AGE APPROXIMATELY [redacted], RECENTLY DISCHARGED FROM USMC.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: VOUCHER AND STATISTICAL SECTION

DATE: 11/18/63

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1314) (P)

SUBJECT: KU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES
YAZOO CITY, MISSISSIPPI
RM

Re New Orleans airtel to Bureau dated 10/29/63.

Enclosed herewith are (two) emergency purchase invoices.

38 Reports $4.50 were each.

The $171.00 charge in this matter is for 38 typewritten credit reports on members of the Yazoo City Klan Organization, obtained by SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS on October 23, 1963, however, the bill was not forthcoming from the Yazoo City Credit Bureau until November 18, 1963.

It was necessary in this case to obtain written credit reports, since there was some likelihood that employees at the [redacted] would have relatives, friends or acquaintances in the Klan Organization and it was not considered desirable to have an Agent spending several days at the Credit Bureau copying this information. No information as to the nature of this investigation was furnished to [redacted] of the Credit Bureau, [redacted] however, he was advised that it was important that these inquiries be kept confidential and he had all the work done by [redacted] and one other employee whom he was confident could keep the identities of the persons being checked on confidential. [redacted] also said that some of his customers were among those persons being checked and he was concerned that they not find out of the FBI's interest in this matter.

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For the above reasons, these credit checks were requested in writing in the manner set forth above.

UACB, the New Orleans Division will handle credit checks on Klan Organization members at Yazoo City, Mississippi, in the manner described above.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES /157-712/

KU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES LANCASTER DASH PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA AREA. RM.

RE LA TEL CON WITH BU TODAY.

SHORTLY BEFORE THREE THIRTY A.M., THIS DATE, FIRE STARTED IN WILSON-S TV, RADIO SALES AND SERVICE SHOP, FOUR ONE NINE THREE NINE FIFTIETH STREET WEST, LANCASTER, CALIF. FIRE PRESENTLY UNDER CONTROL AND BEING HANDLED BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT.

LOS ANGELES SHERIFF-S OFFICE AT SCENE AND ADVISED FRONT WINDOW OF SHOP BROKEN, EXTENSIVE DAMAGE DONE TO INTERIOR OF STORE, AND FRAGMENTS OF GLASS JAR AND PIECE OF CHARED CLOTH, APPROXIMATELY FIVE INCHES IN LENGTH FOUND IN STORE.

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LASO ARSON DETAIL ENROUTE SCENE FROM LOS ANGELES.

LASO HAS NOT REQUESTED FBI ASSISTANCE, HOWEVER FACILITIES OF THE FBI LABORATORY AND IDENTIFICATION DIVISION OFFERED.

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LA RECOMMENDS NO INVESTIGATION BY FBI IN ABSENCE OF INDICATION OF FEDERAL VIOLATION.

PRESS INQUIRIES, UACB, FBI CONDUCTING NO INVESTIGATION, BUT FACILITIES OF FBI LABORATORY AND IDENTIFICATION DIVISION OFFERED TO LASO.

U.S. ARMY, REGION TWO ADVISED.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-712) (P)

RE: KLU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES,
LANCASTER-PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA, AREA,
aka Christian Knights of the Invisible
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RACIAL MATTERS

OO: Los Angeles

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Re Los Angeles teletype to Bureau and San Diego dated 11/23/63.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning the above. One copy is being furnished to 115th INTC, U. S. Army Pasadena, California, who was notified of this information on 11/23/63.

Enclosed for the San Diego Office are two copies of the letterhead memorandum.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office source referred to is PCI (Racial) [redacted] of the Los Angeles Office. The other sources referred to are [redacted] PCI (Racial). [redacted], and former PCI (Racial) [redacted]. b6 b7C b7D

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Los Angeles, California
November 23, 1963

KLU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES
LANCASTER-PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA, AREA,
Also Known As Christian Knights of
the Invisible Empire

On November 23, 1963, [redacted], Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, Lancaster, California, advised that a confidential source of his Department had advised this date that [redacted] in a conversation on November 22, 1963, had stated to the source that an unidentified group in San Diego, California, would "take care of" a Jewish Temple in that city. [redacted] did not give any definite date or location to the source, but merely indicated it would be in the near future. b6 b7C

In the past, sources, with whom contact has been insufficient to judge reliability, have advised that [redacted] is the leader of the local Klu Klux Klan organization in the Lancaster-Palmdale area. [redacted] has in the past discussed possibility of "a hit" on Wilson's TV and Repair Shop, Lancaster, California, and on the morning of November 10, 1963, this TV shop was set aflame. b6 b7C

On November 23, 1963, the 115th INTC, U. S. Army, Pasadena, California, was advised of this information.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-712)

RE : KU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES,
Lancaster-Palmdale, California
area, aka.
RM
OO: Los Angeles.

Re Los Angeles teletype to Bureau and San Diego dated 11/23/63.

On 11/27/63, PCI(RACIAL) [redacted] advised that no further mention of the Jewish temple in San Diego, California, has been made by [redacted] or anyone else, and that the KKK has no apparent plans pending for further violence.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-712) (P)

RE : "CHANGED"
CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE, aka.
Ku Klux Klan Activities, Lancaster-Palmdale,
California area
RACIAL MATTERS
OO: Los Angeles.

The title is marked "Changed" to record the name CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE which is being used by this organization in lieu of Ku Klux Klan (KKK), since the leadership has stated that the KKK is illegal.

Reference Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, 11/15/63, and Los Angeles teletype to Bureau and San Diego, 11/23/63.

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM), captioned and dated as above.

Dissemination of one copy each of LHM is being made to 115th INTC, Region II, U.S. Army, Pasadena, California; OSI, District 18, Maywood, California, and FIO, Los Angeles, locally.

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Information copy is furnished San Francisco since information contained in LHM alleges that CKIE has a list of state officials who might be subject to action by this organization.

For the information of the Birmingham Office, [redacted] has been in the Lancaster-Palmdale, California area for the past eight to ten months, and is employed at [redacted]. He is described as: b6 b7C

Name	[redacted]
Sex	Male
Race	White
Nationality	American
Birth Data	[redacted]
Height	
Weight	
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Marital Status	Married
Residence	[redacted]

He has stated, in the presence of informants, that [redacted], identity unknown, is or has been in the KKK in Birmingham. Further, [redacted] has made statements to the effect that while still in Birmingham he had "shot a Negro in the belly" and had helped emasculate a Negro. [redacted] is a close associate of [redacted], and possibly helped [redacted] fire bomb Wilson's Radio and TV Sales, Quartz Hill, on 11/10/63. b6 b7C

For the information of the Birmingham and Mobile Offices, PCI (RAC) [redacted] advised on 11/13/63, a person known as [redacted]; however, no times, places, dates or incidents are known to have been mentioned. According to [redacted] flew to an unknown military airport near the Lancaster area prior to coming to Lancaster. According to the LASO, [redacted] advised that office that [redacted] had met [redacted] at George Air Force Base, California. PCI (RAC) [redacted] stated that he believed [redacted] to be from Birmingham. b6 b7C b7D

However, the possibility exists that [redacted] may be identical to [redacted], believed to reside in Montgomery, Alabama.

Copies furnished San Diego Office, since that office has been furnished information previously relative to planned action by this organization in that city.

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Sources utilized in enclosed LHM:

First Source PCI (RAC) [redacted]

Second Source [redacted]

Third Source [redacted], who is furnishing information to the LASO

For the information of offices receiving enclosed LHM and who have not received previous communication regarding this matter, the following is set out as background information.

On 10/20/63, [redacted] advised at the meeting of the CKIE [redacted] Dr. WESLEY A. SWIFT presided and stated the group was planning a "hit" for the evening of 10/26/63, at a local business firm. On 10/24/63, [redacted] advised that the group's first action was scheduled against Wilson's TV Service, operated by a Negro, [redacted]. [redacted] advised on [redacted]. On 11/10/63, Wilson's Radio and TV Sales, Quartz Hill, California (Lancaster area) suffered extensive fire damage resulting from what appeared to have been a homemade type "molotov cocktail".

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[redacted], third source in attached LHM, on 11/22/63, stated to the FBI [redacted] CKIE on 10/19/63, it is his belief some of the other individuals present were from the San Diego, California area, the identities of whom he did not know. [redacted] furnished information to the LASO at Lancaster, which office advised the FBI that on 11/22/63, he had been advised by [redacted] that a group in San Diego

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would take care of a Jewish Temple in that city. Identity of group, temple or date and type of action not furnished to [redacted] by [redacted], and is unknown to [redacted]. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted], first source in attached LHM, advised that on 11/15/63, [redacted] advised that on 11/13/63, an individual known as [redacted] (ph.), described as a [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Dr. WESLEY A. SWIFT was initiated into the Jacksonville, Florida unit of the United Florida Ku Klux Klan on 9/14/62. He is the minister of the Church of Jesus Christ, Christian. According to [redacted], SWIFT is the number two man in California of the CKIE. b6 b7C b7D

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BIRMINGHAM OFFICE:

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA: Review indices, conduct credit and criminal check, contact appropriate sources conversant with Klan-type activities regarding [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted]. Advise if [redacted] is KKK official. b6 b7C

MOBILE OFFICE:

AT MOBILE, ALABAMA: Review indices and contact appropriate sources conversant with Klan-type activities regarding [redacted] to determine if he is KKK official.

AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA: Conduct credit and criminal checks and contact logical sources knowledgable of Klan-type activities in that area re [redacted]. b6 b7C

If identified, determine if he has been in California in the recent past, and circumstances surrounding such trip.

LOS ANGELES OFFICE:

AT GEORGE AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA: Will review records surrounding the date of 11/13/63, to determine identity of [redacted] and circumstances relative to his arrival, departure and itinerary. b6 b7C

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Los Angeles, California
November 27, 1963

CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE (CKIE)

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 4, 1963, that [redacted] b7D [redacted] CKIE on October 19, 1963, at which time he was advised that this organization would be known as the CKIE rather than the Ku Klux Klan (KKK), since the latter was illegal.

On November 19, 1963, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office (LASO) advised that recent investigation by their department concerning the fire bombing of Wilson's TV Sales and Service, Lancaster, California, on November 10, 1963, may be summarized as follows:

On November 13, 1963, the following alleged members of the CKIE, Lancaster, California, were invited to accompany officers to the LASO Substation at Lancaster, California:

[redacted] b6 b7C

These individuals were questioned by the LASO as to their whereabouts on November 9, 1963 and November 10, 1963, and as to their knowledge of the burning of Wilson's TV store, but no mention was made to them of the CKIE or any other organizations.

The questioning revealed that [redacted] and [redacted] were together at [redacted] residence in Lancaster on the evening of November 9, 1963, and until approximately 7:00 AM on November 10, 1963. b6 b7C

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All persons interviewed by the LASO denied any knowledge of the burning of WILSON's store, or knowledge of any organization that either proposed to burn the store or did burn the store.

Based on variations in the alibis of the four individuals mentioned above who claimed they played poker together, November 9-10, 1963, and on prior information regarding the proposed burning of WILSON's store, the LASO has decided [redacted] and [redacted] started the fire at WILSON's. b6 b7C

In order to substantiate information furnished to date to the LASO, polygraph examinations have been voluntarily taken by [redacted] of the burned store. The LASO has advised that the polygraph examination given to these persons by their department indicated they did not participate in the burning of the store and had no guilty knowledge of the fire.

[redacted] have refused to submit to polygraph examinations. The LASO advised they are considering the future arrest of [redacted] for conspiracy to burn WILSON's store, although evidence presently available is insufficient to arrest them on this charge. b6 b7C

[redacted] membership in the CKIE has not been determined; however, he has indicated his father had been a Klansman in Birmingham, Alabama, his former residence.

On November 19, 1963, the LASO advised that chemical analysis of the residue found at the scene of the fire definitely established that paint thinner was used in the glass jugs used to start the fire. The LASO advised that two paper match covers had been found on the ground near the store and were being processed for latent fingerprints, although it is not known if they were left by the person or persons starting the fire.

On November 16, 1963, Special Agents of the FBI at Omaha, Nebraska, interviewed [redacted] and obtained a signed statement from him in which he denied any knowledge of the burning of WILSON's store. His statement failed to verify all details in the alibis of [redacted]. b6 b7C

On November 12, 1963, a second source, with whom contact has been insufficient to determine reliability, advised that

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[redacted] had advised him on that date that the CKIE in Lancaster, California, of which [redacted] claimed to be a member, had a list of officials of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in the Lancaster-Palmdale area and state officials of California who are to be "hit" by that organization. Further, [redacted] advised source that this organization hopes to eventually overthrow the Federal Government. In addition, this source advised that [redacted] had approached him concerning [redacted]

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[redacted] advised on November 13, 1963, that [redacted] had discussed in general terms plans of the CKIE in Lancaster. [redacted] had expressed disapproval of leaders of the NAACP as well as officials of the State of California. Because of this, [redacted] assumed that the CKIE had a list of individuals which would include California state officials and leaders of the NAACP, who might be subject to CKIE action. He admits that he has never seen any list of individuals and states that no specific action has ever been discussed against any official in Federal, State or local government or any leader of the NAACP.

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Other sources who have furnished reliable information in the past and who are members of the CKIE in Lancaster and who are personally acquainted with [redacted] advise that they are not aware of that organization having a list of any individuals concerning whom the CKIE would take any action.

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On November 17, 1963, the first source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the questioning of the CKIE members and others on November 13, 1963, by the LASO greatly disturbed [redacted], Dr. WESLEY A. SWIFT and [redacted], and they are worried about the presence of informants in their organization. According to the first source, no further "hits" are planned for the present and the next six months will be spent in reorganization and planning for the future.

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On November 19, 1963, the LASO advised that [redacted] had appeared at the Lancaster Substation and advised that he was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ, Christian and he wanted to know why the LASO had been harrassing the members of this church by bringing them to the Sheriff's station for questioning on November 13, 1963. [redacted] denied knowledge of the fire at WILSON's store.

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[redacted] further advised the LASO on this date that he had been the organizer of the California Rangers, which organization is now defunct. He stated he had documentary proof that several radio and television personalities were affiliated with subversive organizations on the communist front and that he also has evidence that the Anti-Defmation League of B'Nai B'Rith was financially supporting the NAACP. [redacted] related that there are current plans, when the time is right, for the Anti-Defamation League to start a large fire in a certain section of Los Angeles, California, so that many people will leave other areas and go to the fire. At the opposite end of the city will be loosed tens of thousands of armed Negroes, who will have orders to rape all white women and kill every white male. b6 b7C

[redacted] further told the LASO that because of his 18 years of military service in the U.S. Army, and having served a portion of this time on the General Staff in Washington, D.C., at the Pentagon, he had had access to confidential and secret documents pertaining to the Committee on Un-American Activities.

[redacted] has commented to associates that he may seek a Federal injunction to prevent the LASO from "harrassing" his friends. b6 b7C

[redacted] again visited the LASO at Lancaster on November 17, 1963, and at that time advised he might consider taking a polygraph examination concerning the burning of WILSON's shop.

On November 20, 1963, the LASO interviewed [redacted] at the site of a mining claim owned by SWIFT, and located near Deep Springs, California. He denied any knowledge of the fire at WILSON's store. b6 b7C

On November 17, 1963, the third source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a person identified to him as [redacted] (phonetic) had [redacted] [redacted] He is, according to the third source, a [redacted] of the United States Navy. b6 b7C b7D

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To: SAC, Los Angeles

From: Director, FBI

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CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Los Angeles airtel 11/27/63 and Burad 10/25/63.

This matter should be given close attention and investigation should be conducted to ascertain the membership of the above-captioned organization, officers and activities.

It is noted that [redacted] member, among other statements said that "this organization hopes to eventually overthrow the Federal Government." This should be kept in mind during the investigation and pertinent information developed concerning this aspect.

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The Bureau should be kept currently advised of any pertinent developments and an investigative report should be submitted.

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VIA AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-485)

SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE, aka. RM (OO: LA)

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Re Los Angeles airtel dated 11/27/63.

[redacted] is a [redacted] very prominent and well known in Alabama as an anti-Semite and extreme prosegregationist, residing at Montgomery, Ala., Wetumpka, Ala. He was co-organizer of a group variously known as Volunteers for Alabama and Wallace (VAW), and as Alabama Militia Volunteers, which was locally led by officers of United Klans of American, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA) at Montgomery, Ala., in the first half of 1963. [redacted] continued to associate with potentially violent klansmen, according to informants. [redacted], militant racist known to California offices and Bureau, visits [redacted] when [redacted] is in the Montgomery area.

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For the information of Jacksonville, referenced airtel stated that one [redacted], believed to be a

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phonetic error for [redacted] The informant who furnished this information stated that [redacted] flew to an unknown military airport near the Lancaster, Calif., area prior to coming to Lancaster. Further, the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office advised that [redacted] had been met at George Air Force Base, Calif., this information having been received by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office by one [redacted], a member of the captioned group.

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It is essential that all possible discretion, consistent with necessary effectiveness, be used in this investigation, because Mobile deems it necessary to develop increasingly complete data re the travels of [redacted] and because [redacted] still has one brother on active duty as an officer in the U. S. Navy, [redacted]. It is desirable that the investigation be conducted in such a way as to not alert [redacted].

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[redacted], Director of Security and Law Enforcement, AU, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala., advised on 12/9/63, that he has a completely discreet source in the Base Operations Office, Maxwell Air Force Base, and that person advised him on 12/9/63 that a review of manifest lists disclosed that [redacted] was not a passenger on any flight departing Maxwell Air Force Base any time during November 1963. [redacted] said that he had learned, however, that [redacted] is known to have taken military flights from the U. S. Navy Base at Pensacola, Fla., in the past, and possibly Air Force flights from Eglin Air Force Base, Pensacola, Fla., being entitled to travel on any military flight without charge on a "space availability basis". [redacted] mentioned that [redacted] was formerly [redacted] at Pensacola Naval Base, but was last known to be on sea duty about one year ago. He suggested the possibility that [redacted] might be back at Pensacola by now.

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JACKSONVILLE AT PENSACOLA, FLA., is requested to discreetly cause reviews to be made of appropriate records at the U. S. Naval Base, Pensacola, Fla., and at Eglin Air Force Base to ascertain pertinent data regarding any flights taken by [redacted] in the recent past, particularly around the period 11/13/63, but also including a wider time range, depending on the ready availability of such records and the difficulty of searching through them. b6 b7C

It is further requested that there be developed a procedure, and a source of information with respect to those records, so that the Jacksonville Office at Pensacola will be notified in the future when [redacted] makes application to make flights from those places, so that Mobile and other interested offices can be notified as early as possible. b6 b7C

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TITLE OF CASE
CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE, aka. Ku Klux Klan

REPORT MADE BY [redacted]

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REFERENCES: Los Angeles Airtel to Bureau dated 11/27/63.
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Jacksonville Letter to Los Angeles dated 11/27/63.
Bureau Airtel to Los Angeles dated 12/11/63.
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Re [redacted]

ADMINISTRATIVE

Pertinent information concerning activities of the CKIE has been previously furnished by letterhead memorandum to the Bureau, 115th INTC, Pasadena, California, OSI, Maywood, California.

Information copies are being furnished to the San Diego and San Francisco Offices in view of possible CKIE activities in their territory. Information copies being sent to the Mobile, Jacksonville and Birmingham Offices because of their current interest in racial matters.

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LOS ANGELES

AT LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA: Maintain contact with informants to determine activities of CKIE.

INFORMANTS

SOURCE	LOCATION
LA T-1 - [redacted] PCI (Racial)	[redacted]
LA T-2 - [redacted] aka. PCI (Racial)	
LA T-3 - [redacted] (Racial)	LA 157-712-59 157-544
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Report of: [redacted] Office: Los Angeles, California

Date: 1/20/64

Field Office File #: 157-712 Bureau File #:

Title: CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

(Wesley O. Swift.
Wesley Swift
4466 North Fig St.
Lancaster, Calif

Synopsis: On 10/19/63, CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE(CKIE),aka. Ku Klux Klan, held initiation meeting in Lancaster, California, at which approximately 38 members conducted, meeting presided over by WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT, Minister of Church of Jesus Christ, Christian, Lancaster. SWIFT defined objectives of organization as preserving Constitution of United States and the white race, and to fight communism. Members furnished white cloth robes and white cloth hoods with eyeholes, and instructed to wear robes and firearms to subsequent meetings. Subsequent investigation reflected that this organization planned to burn building in which housed Wilson's TV Sales and Service, Quartz Hill (Lancaster), California and that SWIFT's [redacted] was to carry out plan, this being done because CKIE alleged [redacted] a negro, being supported in business by NAACP. On 11/10/63, WILSON's shop burned by unknown person who threw "Molotov" cocktails through window and on roof. Investigation by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office (LACSO) reflected [redacted] probably started fire, but evidence insufficient for criminal prosecution. As a result of LACSO questioning, members of CKIE on 11/13/63, no further meetings have been held, and activity of CKIE members has virtually ceased. Investigation showed

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that [redacted], SWIFT, and [redacted] are three principal members controlling CKIE. On 12/26/63, SWIFT and [redacted] had disagreement and in future [redacted] allegedly will have charge of CKIE; whereas SWIFT will allegedly be affiliated with CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE, reportedly an organization with non-violent objectives. [redacted] will allegedly pursue CKIE activities under the name of AWAKE, an organization affiliated with Church of Jesus Christ, Christian. CKIE activities reportedly will be centered in Hollywood, California. b6 b7C

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DETAILS

This investigation was predicated upon the receipt of information furnished by LA T-1 on October 21, 1963, that [redacted] KU KLUX KLAN at Lancaster, California on the evening of October 19, 1963, at a meeting presided over by Dr. WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT. b7D

According to LA T-1, there were approximately thirty-eight persons present at this meeting, twenty-one of them being initiated into the organization, and all wore white cloth hoods with eyeholes. He stated that on an American flag-draped table near the front of the meeting room which was held at a then unknown address in Lancaster, rested a large Bible with a sword across it. On the wall was a large blue circle with a red cross in the middle.

Dr. SWIFT advised the members present, that the purpose of the group was to preserve the Constitution of the United States and the white race, and to fight communism. SWIFT instructed that members must be willing to die before they would reveal any secrets of the KLAN, and stated that if any member were found to be informing on the KLAN, he would be tried by a tribunal and punished so that he would never be able to reveal secrets again.

Those in attendance were asked to complete an information card setting forth their name, address, telephone number and any specialty. Two men were observed by LA T-1 carrying automatic shot guns and SWIFT explained they had been on guard against intrusions. LA T-1 advised that the majority of those in attendance at this meeting also wore sidearms.

LA T-1 stated that at the conclusion of taking unrecalled oaths, from SWIFT, to support the organization, members removed their hoods and each member was furnished with a white cloth robe with a round blue shield encircling a red cross on the left breast. In addition, they were furnished with a red satin sash, as well as a white cloth hood with eye holes in it.

LA T-1 further advised some recruits were taken to the meeting place by [redacted] and SWIFT. b6 b7C

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

On October 25, 1963, LA T-1 advised that [redacted] had informed him that SWIFT had decided to change the name of KU KLUX KLAN to the CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE (CKIE) inasmuch as SWIFT had stated that the KLAN is illegal, and the use of the name CKIE would lend legality to the organization, although it would still be the KKK. Further, LA T-1 recalled that at the meeting on October 19, 1963, an unidentified member had stated that the group had a legal charter as the CALIFORNIA RANGERS. b6 b7C

According to LA T-1, [redacted] stated that at a meeting at [redacted] home in Lancaster on October 23, 1963, SWIFT and unidentified KKK leaders from Alabama, Indiana and New York, had made the decision to change the name to CKIE.

LA T-1 advised on [redacted] that he had attended a meeting at [redacted], also known as [redacted], in Lancaster, this meeting presided over by [redacted], who explained the structure of the KKK, which he referred to as a national organization, as follows:

1. INVISIBLE EMPIRE - refers to the national structure of the KKK.

2. REALM - refers to the structure of the KKK within one state.

3. KLAVERN - refers tothe KKK structure within a city or county area.

4. KLAGLE - the leader of a Klavern.

5. KLUD - the "chaplain" of a REALM.

6. DEN - each KLAVERN is composed of an inner or outer DEN, the inner being described as the "hard core" members who can be relied upon, and the "outer" being the newer and untried members.

7. KNIGHTS OF THE WHITE CAMELLIA - selected members known only to the top figure who watch for Klansmen who commit wrong acts, and a white Camellia is mailed to these individuals to show the organization has knowledge of their wrongdoing.

LA T-1 advised on October 21, 1963, that SWIFT, at the October 19, 1963 meeting, mentioned in conversation that the KKK also had a governing body, called the, "Tribunal", which apparently would be composed of the highest ranking local members.

It was LA T-1's understanding, that the tribunal would be composed of SWIFT, [redacted]

At the above meeting, [redacted] told those in attendance that the Klan had hard core members in the military forces and in the Pentagon, but did not furnish any names. b6 b7C

[redacted] further elaborated on the organizational structure by advising those present that in the future any proposed "hits" in this area would be performed by members from other Klaverns, and that members from the Lancaster-Palmdale area would be sent to perform "hits" for other Klaverns.

As previously explained by [redacted], a "hit" is the burning or bombing of a building.

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On November 4, 1963, LA T-2 stated that in conversations with [redacted], SWIFT, and [redacted], it was his understanding that Lancaster would be the focal point for all KKK activities in the State of California, and that induction of new members within California would undoubtedly be performed in Lancaster.

On November 15, 1963, [redacted] advised LA T-2 that the overall structure of the KKK is as follows into three fronts:

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FIRST FRONT - This is the Church of Jesus Christ, Christian, and from its faithful members are recruited members for the

SECOND FRONT - This is the AWAKE MOVEMENT, and from this group are selected the more militant members who will comprise the

THIRD FRONT - This will be the CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE, which will have the outward impression of a political-religious group not interested in violence and from this group will be selected the most militant for the

INNER DEN - These persons will be the members of the CKIE who commit acts of violence.

On December 26, 1963, LA T-2 advised that he had been advised on this date by [redacted] that SWIFT and [redacted] had had a

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violent disagreement over the activities of the CKIE, and that SWIFT and [redacted] had allegedly agreed that in the future the CKIE would be headed by [redacted], and that SWIFT was getting out and taking over an organization called the CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE (CDL). As LA T-2 understands the move, the CDL will have no connection with the CKIE, and is an organization with unknown objectives which do not include violence. b6 b7C

On January 8, 1964, LA T-2 advised that the CDL Headquarters in Los Angeles, California, will be on the third floor of the OVIATT(PHONETIC)building, allegedly located on Wilshire Boulevard and containing a clothing firm.

On January 10, 1964, a review of the central Los Angeles telephone directory showed a JAMES OVIATT MENS WEAR at 617 South Olive Street and a [redacted] listed at the same address. There was at the same address an OVIATT BUILDING listed.

On September 17, 1963, LA T-3, advised that on September 14, 1962, WESLEY SWIFT was initiated into the Jacksonville, Florida Unit of the United Florida Ku Klux Klan(see appendix).

On November 12, 1963, LA T-3 and LA T-4, [illegible] advised that the Klan organization in California with which SWIFT is reportedly affiliated is not in any way affiliated with the United Florida KKK.

LA T-3 and LA T-4 both advised that the Klan robe furnished to members at the October 19, 1963, meeting in Lancaster, California has no significance with regard to the United Florida KKK. The rank and file of members in the United Florida KKK, according to informants, wear white robes while the officers wear robes of various colors. The informants were not familiar with the robe furnished members by SWIFT.

HEADQUARTERS

LA T-2 advised on November 17, 1963, that the home of SWIFT, located at 44616 North Fig Street, Lancaster, California, will continue to be the headquarters for the CKIE.

This address is located in an old residential neighborhood, and contains a garage and small building in the rear. According to LA T-2, the garage and adjacent building contain tape reproduction facilities equal to any commercial system on the West Coast.

LA T-2 advised on January 8, 1964, however, that GALE may entirely take over the CKIE at Lancaster, California and in this event, the new headquarters would be located at GALE's home, located at 1840 West Avenue K, Lancaster, California.

OFFICERS

LA T-2 advised on November 4, 1963, that [redacted] a close associate of SWIFT's, is the California State leader of the CKIE and SWIFT is the number two man in the organization, bearing the title of "KLUD", or chaplain of the "REALM", but being the real power in the CKIE. b6 b7C

According to LA T-2, [redacted] is the "KLAGLE" of the Lancaster area "KLAVERN".

Although SWIFT and [redacted] have discussed the formation of committees within the CKIE organization, no action has ever been taken by them to do so, and according to LA T-2, SWIFT, [redacted], and [redacted] are the only members known to be designated specifically as officers in the organization. b6 b7C

On December 26, 1963, LA T-2, advised that on that date, SWIFT and [redacted], who have been having a struggle for power over who will actually control the local organization, had a violent argument and decided to split up. According to LA T-2, SWIFT, who has recently been ridiculing [redacted] and the CKIE members by describing them as "nightshirt" boys, is severing connection with the CKIE, which is being taken over by [redacted]. SWIFT, according to LA T-2, is assuming leadership of an organization presently based in Los Angeles, California, called the CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE (CDL.) b6 b7C

SWIFT is doing this because he has expressed concern over the results of violence by the CKIE which could lead to prosecution of the officers and members. SWIFT expressed the desire to have an organization which is legal to express his views to the public, and indicated that the CDL had very great money-making potential. SWIFT further indicated that CDL was an organization that was non-violent in nature.

OBJECTIVES

LA T-1, who attended the October 19, 1963 meeting in Lancaster, advised on October 21, 1963, that SWIFT at that meeting explained that the purpose of the organization was to preserve the Constitution of the United States and the white race, and to fight Communism.

LA T-2, who also attended the October 19, 1963, meeting, recalled on November 4, 1963, that SWIFT generally spoke at that meeting about protecting white Christianity, and that his speech was generally sprinkled with vague remarks about murdering and killing.

LA T-5, who also attended the above meeting, recalled on November 4, 1963, that SWIFT explained the purpose of the organization was to "take care of the Jews and Negroes", stating, in effect, that the Jews would be shot and the Negroes removed from this country in some unknown manner.

After the initiation ceremony on October 19, 1963, SWIFT stated in a conversation with LA T-1, other members also being present, that on October 23, 1963, the "tribunal" of the Klavern would meet and decide on the identity of a business firm to "hit" on October 26, 1963. It was later explained to members that to "hit" a place was to bomb or burn a building.

At the conclusion of the October 19th meeting, SWIFT

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LA T-1 stated that on October 24, 1963, [redacted] advised that the KKK Tribunal had met at his home on the previous evening, and a b6 b7C

decision was reached to "hit" WILSON's TV SALES AND SERVICE, 41939 North 50th Street, West, Quartz Hill, California (Lancaster), [redacted] by a Negro, [redacted]. b6 b7C

[redacted] ordered preparation of a "Molotov" cocktail by obtaining a one gallon glass jug, then filling it with 1/3 oil and 2/3 gasoline, after which a cloth wick should be placed in the bottle, which should be placed in the bottle, which should then be closed with a cork. He instructed that this device be ready to use between October 24, 1963 and November 2, 1963.

On October 25, 1963, LA T-1 stated that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

On November 4, 1963, LA T-5 advised that approximately ten days ago, [redacted] had instructed some CKIE members to prepare a gallon Molotov cocktail as described above, and bring them to [redacted] home at some future date, as they would "hit" an unidentified building. LA T-5 stated that several days previous to November 4, 1963, [redacted] had contacted a CKIE member and instructed him to bring two of the gallon jars containing the oil and gasoline to [redacted] home on the early evening of November 5, 1963 and he and another individual would go on the "hit", that evening. b6 b7C

[redacted] had also mentioned that they might include two other members, [redacted] on the "hit". b6 b7C

According to LA T-5, on the evening of November 5, 1963, a CKIE member went to [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

On November 10, 1963, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, Lancaster, California, advised that at approximately 3:30 a.m. on that date, an unknown individual had set fire to WILSON's TV SALES AND SERVICE, 41949 50th Street, West, Quartz Hill (Lancaster), California, by breaking a side window and apparently throwing a glass jar of gasoline and kerosene into the store. Fragments of a glass jar and a piece of charred cloth approximately five inches long were found in the interior of the store. The Sheriff's Office also found on the roof of the store, fragments of a second glass jar and fragments of what appeared to be a charred cloth.

Damage to the store and contents was estimated by the Sheriff's Office as approximately $2,000.

On November 10, 1963, LA T-1, LA T-2, and LA T-5 advised they had no knowledge of the fire, and [redacted] concerning the possible "hit" to the store since November 5, 1963. b6 b7C b7D

On November 19, 1963, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office (LASO) advised that recent investigation by their department concerning the fire bombing of WILSON's TV SALES AND SERVICE, Lancaster, California, on November 10, 1963, may be summarized as follows:

On November 13, 1963, the following alleged members of the CKIE, Lancaster, California, were invited to accompany officers to the LASO Substation at Lancaster, California.

[redacted] b6 b7C

These individuals were questioned by the LASO as to their whereabouts on November 9, 1963 and November 10, 1963, and

as to their knowledge of the burning of Wilson's TV store, but no mention was made to them of the CKIE or any other organizations.

The questioning revealed that [redacted] and [redacted] were together at [redacted] residence in Lancaster on the evening of November 9, 1963, and until approximately 7:00 a.m. on November 10, 1963. b6 b7C

All persons interviewed by the LASO denied any knowledge that either proposed to burn the store or did burn the store.

Based on variations in the alibis of the four individuals mentioned above who claimed they played poker together, November 9-10, 1963, and on prior information regarding the proposed burning of WILSON's store, the LASO feels [redacted] and [redacted] started the fire at WILSON's.

[redacted] have refused to submit to polygraph examinations. The LASO advised they are considering the future arrest of [redacted] for conspiracy to burn WILSON's store, although evidence presently available is insufficient to arrest them on this charge. b6 b7C

On November 19, 1963, the LASO advised that chemical analysis of the residue found at the scene of the fire definitely established that paint thinner was used in the glass jugs used to start the fire. The LASO advised that two paper match covers had been found on the ground near the store and were being processed for latent fingerprints, although it is not known if they were left by the person or persons starting the fire.

On November 16, 1963, Special Agents of the FBI, at Omaha, Nebraska, interviewed [redacted] and obtained a signed statement from him in which he denied any knowledge of the burning of WILSON's store. His statement failed to verify all details in the alibis of [redacted] b6 b7C

On November 17, 1963, LA T-2, [redacted] advised that the questioning of the CKIE members and others on November 13, 1963, by the

LASO greatly disturbed [redacted], Dr. WESLEY A. SWIFT and [redacted] and they are worried about the presence of informants in their organization. According to LA T-2 [redacted] no further "hits" are planned for the present and the next six months will be spent in reorganization and planning for the future. b6 b7C

On November 19, 1963, the LASO advised that [redacted] had appeared at the Lancaster Substation and advised that he was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ, Christian and he wanted to know why the LASO had been harrassing the members of this church by bringing them to the Sheriff's station for questioning on November 13, 1963. [redacted] denied knowledge of the fire at WILSON's store.

[redacted] further advised the LASO on this date that he had been the organizer of the California Rangers, which organization is now defunct. He stated he had documentary proof that several radio and television personalities were affiliated with subversive organizations on the communist front and that he also has evidence that the Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'Rith was financially supporting the NAACP. [redacted] related that there are current plans, when the time is right, for the Anti-Defamation League to start a large fire in a certain section of Los Angeles, California, so that many people will leave other areas and go to the fire. At the opposite end of the city will be loosed tens of thousands of armed Negroes, who will have orders to rape all white women and kill every white male. b6 b7C

[redacted] further told the LASO that because of his 18 years of military service in the U. S. Army, and having served a portion of this time on the General Staff in Washington, D.C., at the Pentagon, he had had access to confidential and secret documents pertaining to the Committee on Un-American Activities. b6 b7C

[redacted] has commented to associates that he may seek a Federal injunction to prevent the LASO from "harrassing" his friends.

[redacted] again visited the LASO at Lancaster on November 17, 1963, and at that time advised he might consider taking a polygraph examination concerning the burning of WILSON's shop.

On November 20, 1963, the LASO interviewed [redacted] at the site of a mining claim owned by SWIFT, and located near Deep Springs, California. He denied any knowledge of the fire at WILSON's store. b6 b7C

PUBLICATIONS AND PROPAGANDA

LA T-2 (1/8/64)

No publications or propaganda are specifically planned for the CKIE. SWIFT, in his capacity as minister of the Church of Jesus Christ, Christian, which is operated from his home in Lancaster, has in effect a world-wide distribution of tape recorded sermons.

According to LA T-2, in these taped sermons, SWIFT expresses anti-semetic and anti-negro views, and is extremely critical of the officials of the Federal government and the State government of California.

FINANCES

LA T-1, LA T-2, and LA T-5 have advised that at the October 19, 1963 initiation meeting, SWIFT requested a ten dollar initiation fee from the new members.

LA T-2 (1/8/64)

SWIFT apparently obtains ample funds for personal living expenses from his position as minister of the Church of Jesus Christ, Christian, and from the sale of his tape recorded sermons, through the mail.

ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITING ACTIVITIES

LA T-1 advised on October 21, 1963, that at the October 19, 1963, initiation meeting in Lancaster, California, there were approximately 38 members present, but at the conclusion of the ceremonies, all left but approximately 21 persons, and

it was his belief that the others who left were from the Los Angeles and San Diego, California area.

Based on information from LA T-1 on October 21, 1963 and October 31, 1963, LA T-2, on November 4, 1963 and November 12, 1963, and LA T-5 on November 4, 1963, the following individuals are considered as members of the CKIE:

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WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT
44616 North Fig Street,
Lancaster, California

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The following individuals are not known to be members of the CKIE, but they have been closely associated with SWIFT and [redacted] since October, 1963:

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Based on information furnished by LA T-1, LA T-2 and LA T-5 on the above dates, the basic recruiting program of the CKIE consisted of each member being charged with the responsibility of bringing one new member into the organization each month. In conversations with [redacted] and SWIFT, they were told that commencing in October, 1963, the CKIE started a six months recruiting program, and at the end of six months the organization would have sufficient members to take some positive, unidentified action.

They further advised that SWIFT and [redacted] had stated that sometime in November or December, 1963, there would be an induction in Lancaster of approximately 100 new members, these being recruited from other identified places in California.

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On January 8, 1964, LA T-2 advised that [redacted] stated on January 7, 1964, that [redacted] will devote himself exclusively to the AWAKE MOVEMENT on a national scale. LA T-2 advised that according to [redacted] the CKIE will no longer be active in the Lancaster, California area, but [redacted] advised him that it will be active in the Hollywood, California area. LA T-2 was unable to determine any details of what individual or individuals in Hollywood are affiliated with that CKIE branch.

LA T-2 advised, however, that it was his understanding, from talks with [redacted], SWIFT and [redacted] during the period since October 19, 1963, that the AWAKE MOVEMENT is actually a front for the CKIE, and as was stated in the information he furnished originally concerning AWAKE, the more militant members would eventually find their way to the INNER DEN of the CKIE.

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LA T-2 further advised on January 8, 1964, that [redacted] has stated during recent conversations that SWIFT believes [redacted] is bordering on being mentally unbalanced, as he is drinking heavily these days, and acts strangely. LA T-2 advised that [redacted] has had two blows to his personal life during 1963, in that [redacted], name unknown, married a Jewish boy; both events having an adverse effect on [redacted] mental outlook.

According to LA T-2 on December 10, 1963, [redacted] stated that a new CKIE group was being planned for in San Francisco, California, but no definite information was given.

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LA T-2 advised on November 4, 1963, that he recalled that at the meeting on October 19, 1963, SWIFT and [redacted] had stated that they hoped, by the end of the six months recruitment drive, to have 40,000 members within the State of California.

MEETINGS

The first known meeting of the CKIE was held on October 19,1963, at the home of [redacted] and was the initiation meeting at which an estimated 38 members were present. b6 b7C b7D

The next known meeting of the CKIE was held on November 2, 1963, at the home of [redacted] advised on November 4, 1963, that there were approximately fourteen persons present, [redacted] At this meeting, according to him, [redacted] presided, and all wore white robes, but no hoods. [redacted] spent the entire meeting discussing the organizational structure of the CKIE; the problem of informants of the FBI being in the organization, and the need for carefulness in their activities to prevent the FBI from having knowledge of all of their activities.

At this meeting, [redacted] pointed out that they hoped to have a meeting on November 30, 1963, in Lancaster at which 100 new members would be inducted into the CKIE. b6 b7C

On November 24, 1963, LA T-2 advised that [redacted] had informed him that the November 30, 1963, meeting was cancelled indefinitely because of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office interest in their activities.

On December 10, 1963, LA T-2 advised that SWIFT had recently stated that the big initiation meeting will now be held in Los Angeles, California on an undisclosed date in January, 1964, and that in the future, CKIE meetings will be alternated weekly between Lancaster and Los Angeles at undisclosed locations in order to confuse the FBI.

On December 26, 1963, LA T-2 advised that insofar as he can determine from SWIFT, and [redacted], the January, 1964, meeting is still scheduled, and that there has not been a meeting of the CKIE since November 2, 1963. b6 b7C

On January 8, 1964, LA T-2 advised that [redacted] advised on January 7, 1964, that the January, 1964 meeting of the CKIE at Los Angeles, California hadbeen cancelled, and that no meeting was now scheduled anywhere in January, 1964 for the CKIE. b6 b7C

MISCELLANEOUS

On December 13, 1963, [redacted] United States Air Force Plant No.42, Palmdale, California, advised SA [redacted] that through neighbors, he had heard that [redacted] who resides near him, is a gun collector, and had in his home an operable machine gun. b6 b7C

On December 13, 1963, this information was furnished to [redacted] Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, Lancaster, California, who immediately dispatched officers to [redacted] home, located at [redacted] where [redacted], presently separated from her husband, surrendered a German made machine gun to the officers. b6 b7C

On January 4, 1964, [redacted] Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, Lancaster, advised that since this weapon had no firing pin, no complaint under state law could be obtained, and the weapon and the entire matter had been turned over to the Treasury Department, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit, Los Angeles, California. b6 b7C

On January 4, 1964, [redacted] further advised that the District Attorney of Los Angeles County had refused to issue a complaint against [redacted] for the fire bombing of WILSON'S TV SALES AND SERVICE on November 10, 1963, because of insufficient evidence. b6 b7C

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Los Angeles, California
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Title CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Report of SA [redacted] b6 b7C
dated as above at Los Angeles.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE
EMPIRE, aka., KU KLUX KLAN
SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION CHARACTERIZATION -
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: LOS ANGELES)

ReLAletter dated 1-20-64.

Immediately submit original and seven copies of letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination containing pertinent information in referenced Los Angeles letter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/20/64

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-712)(P)

SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE,
AKA; Ku Klux Klan
SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION CHARACTERIZATION-
RACIAL MATTERS

OO: LOS ANGELES

On November 4, 1963, a source advised that the organization known as the Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire(CKIE), held its first meeting at Lancaster, California on October 19, 1963. The source stated that the meeting was presided over by WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT, and that approximately 38 members were inducted. The source stated that SWIFT explained to those present that the organization was actually the Ku Klux Klan, but since the Klan was regarded as illegal, they would call themselves the Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire.

44616 NORTH HIGH ST., LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA

According to the source, SWIFT explained the objectives of the organization as being to preserve the Constitution of the United States and the white race, and to fight communism. Members of this organization were issued cloth robes and white hoods with eye holes, the robes bearing on the breast a round blue shield and encircling a red cross. Members were urged to wear sidearms to all meetings.

The source further advised that while [redacted] is the California State Leader of the CKIE and WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT ranks as the second functionary or Chaplain but is in effect the real power in the CKIE. [redacted] b6 b7C

On November 5, 1963, a second source stated that [redacted] a local leader of the CKIE in Lancaster, had made plans indicating his intention to burn a TV shop operated by a negro at Quartz Hill (Lancaster), California.

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On November 10, 1963, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office (LACSO), Lancaster, California, substation, advised that on that date a television repair shop belonging to this negro man was burned by the use of "Molotov" cocktails at Quartz Hill (Lancaster), California, and that their investigation reflected that the fire was most probably set by [redacted] and another close associate, [redacted]. b6 b7C

The first source advised on November 17, 1963, that the headquarters of the CKIE was then at SWIFT's home, located at 44616 North Fig Street, Lancaster, California. This source advised on January 8, 1964, however, that [redacted] may entirely take over the CKIE at Lancaster, California, and in this event, the new headquarters would be located at [redacted] home, located at [redacted]. b6 b7C

INFORMANTS

The first source is [redacted], a PCI (Racial) of the Los Angeles Office.

The second source is [redacted], a PCI (Racial) of the Los Angeles Office.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 1-23-64

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (105-611) (RUC)

SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE, aka KU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES, LANCASTER - PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA, AREA
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(OO: Los Angeles)

Re Los Angeles airtel 11-27-63.

Indices of Birmingham Office do not contain any information relative to [redacted].

On 1-9-64, [redacted] Identification Division, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, [redacted] Merchants Credit Association, and [redacted] Identification Division, Birmingham Police Department advised their files contain no information concerning [redacted].

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Enclosed herewith are original and seven copies of letterhead memorandum concerning captioned organization.

First source utilized is [redacted] PCI (Racial) of the Los Angeles Office.

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aka. Ku Klux Klan

On November 4, 1963, a ~~source advised that~~ the organization known as the Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire (CKIE) held its first meeting at Lancaster, California, on October 19, 1963. The source stated that the meeting was presided over by Wesley Albert Swift and that approximately thirty-eight members were inducted. The source stated that Swift explained to those present that the organization was actually the Ku Klux Klan, but since the Klan was regarded as illegal, they would call themselves the Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire.

According to the source, Swift explained the objectives of the organization as being to preserve the Constitution of the United States and the white race and to fight communism. Members of this organization were issued cloth robes and white hoods with eye holes, the robes bearing on the breast a round blue shield and encircling a red cross. Members were urged to wear sidearms to all meetings.

The source further advised that while [redacted] is the California State Leader of the CKIE and Wesley Albert Swift ranks as the second functionary or Chaplain, Swift is, in effect, the real power in the CKIE.

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On November 5, 1963, a second source stated that [redacted] a local leader of the CKIE in Lancaster, had made plans indicating his intention to burn a television shop operated by a Negro at Quartz Hill (Lancaster), California.

On November 10, 1963, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, Lancaster, California Substation, advised that on that date a television repair shop belonging to this Negro man was burned by the use of "Molotov" cocktails at

CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE,
aka. Ku Klux Klan

Quartz Hill (Lancaster), California, and that their investigation reflected that the fire was most probably set by [redacted] and another close associate, [redacted] b6 b7C

The first source advised on November 17, 1963, that the headquarters of the CKIE was then at Swift's home, located at 44616 North Fig Street, Lancaster, California. This source advised on January 8, 1964, however, that [redacted] may entirely take over the CKIE at Lancaster, California, and in this event the new headquarters would be located at [redacted] home, located at [redacted]

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
LOS ANGELES	LOS ANGELES	3/9/64	1/22/64-3/3/64

TITLE OF CASE

CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE, aka.

REPORT MADE BY [redacted]

TYPED BY jfp

CHARACTER OF CASE

RACIAL MATTERS

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated January 20, 1964, at Los Angeles.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

Although investigation is being discontinued by the Los Angeles Office regarding the CKIE and the AWAKE movement, investigation of the persons previously involved in these organizations is presently being conducted under the title of the CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE to determine the true nature of the CDL. In as much as CKIE and AWAKE are no longer in existence, this case is being closed.

APPROVED WHB/NP

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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LA 157-712

6-Bureau (RM) (157-1127)
1-115th INTC, Region II, Pasadena, California (RM)
1-FIO, Los Angeles (RM)
1-OSI, District 18, Maywood (RM)
1-Birmingham (RM) (Info.)
1-Mobile (157-485) (RM) (Info.)
1-San Francisco (RM) (Info.)
1-San Diego (RM) (Info.)
1-Jacksonville (RM) (Info.)
2-Los Angeles (157-712)

Information copies are being furnished to the San Diego and San Francisco Offices since CKIE activities were previously alleged as taking place in their territory. Information copies are being sent to Mobile, Jacksonville, and Birmingham Offices because of their current interest in racial matters. Copies are also being disseminated to local intelligence agencies for information purposes.

INFORMANTS:

SOURCE	LOCATION
LA T-1 [redacted]	[redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1-115th INTC, Pasadena, California (RM)
1-OSI, Maywood, California, (RM)
1-FIO, Los Angeles, California (RM)

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Report of: [redacted] Office: Los Angeles, California
Date: March 9, 1964

Field Office File #: 157-712 Bureau File #: 157-1127

Title: CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

Synopsis: On February 26, 1964, LA T-1 advised that the CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE and the AWAKE movement have been disbanded, and that henceforth SWIFT and [redacted] will devote their time to the CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE, an organization which does not advocate violence.

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DETAILS:

LA T-1 (2/26/64)

Informant advised that during the past two weeks he had received information from DR. WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT, [redacted] regarding the CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE (CKIE) and the AWAKE movement.

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[redacted] stated that the AWAKE movement has been disbanded completely and that henceforth he will devote his time to the CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE (CDL) which is a non-violent type organization. b6 b7C

LA T-1 (2/26/64)

SWIFT stated that he had disbanded the CKIE completely in the State of California, as he did not care to associate any longer with a group which advocated violence, and to do so might endanger his church, the Church of Jesus Christ, Christian, and his position therein.

SWIFT further stated that his efforts in the future will be concerned mainly with the CDL.

Los Angeles, California
March , 1964

157-712

CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF
THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE

RACIAL MATTERS

Report of SA [redacted] b6
[redacted] dated and captioned b7C
as above at Los Angeles.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1127) DATE: 4/22/64

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (157-108) (C)

SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE, aka Ku Klux Klan

Re report of SA [redacted] 1/20/64, at Los Angeles. Report of [redacted] 3/9/64, at Los Angeles.

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A search of the San Francisco Indices reflects that no information has been received as to the existence of the CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE, aka, being in existence in northern California. A check of the Intelligence Unit, San Francisco Police Department, [redacted], on 4/14/64, and with [redacted] Director, Special Services, Intelligence Unit, reveals that they have no information as to captioned organization. A check with [redacted], Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation of B'nai B'rith, 41st Street, San Francisco, on 4/15/64, disclosed that they knew of no information as to the existence of captioned organization.

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Security informants, racial sources, disclosed that they are unfamiliar with the existance of captioned organization and have never known the organization to exist in northern California.

Accordingly, San Francisco is placing this matter in the closed status.

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FBI

Date: July 30, 1964

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED (Priority)

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INTERNAL SECURITY DIVISION
Agency Req. OSI, CSI, CID
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Date Rec'd
Rec'd by: R.S.
By FHF: CH

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1127)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-712) (RUC)

RE : CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE, aka.
Ku Klux Klan (KKK)
RACIAL MATTERS

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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning the possibility that [redacted] San Diego, California, might possibly be contacted to help defend four members of the KKK recently arrested in St. Augustine, Florida. b6 b7C b7D

The source for this information is [redacted] Racial Informant - Probationary, presently [redacted]

The source for the characterization of the CDL is [redacted]. b7D

A copy of the letterhead memorandum has been sent to the 115th INTC, Region II, Pasadena, for their information.

Copies are being furnished to Jacksonville since the Klan members were arrested in their area, and to San Diego, where COMPARET resides.

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Approved: Wesley G. Graves Special Agent in Charge

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Los Angeles, California
July 30, 1964

CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE, also known as Ku Klux Klan

No Locality

On July 29, 1964, a source who has provided reliable information in the past advised that [redacted], National Director, Christian Defense League (CDL), was concerned with the arrest of Klan leaders in Florida. [redacted] referred to [redacted] who had been arrested at St. Augustine, Florida. b6 b7C

[redacted] has stated that he planned to telephone [redacted] who resides in San Diego, California, since those arrested will need an attorney. [redacted] was also concerned because [redacted] had CDL literature in his car when he left California. b6 b7C

The CDL, according to information furnished by a reliable source on February 12, 1964, is an organization that advocates the election of Christians to public office at all levels, and urges Christians to patronize only Christian business places.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/30/65

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-712) (C)

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 2-14-00 BY 6032 67/MSCLCD

SUBJECT: ALLEGED KU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES
Southern California
RACIAL MATTERS

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Re Bureau letter, dated 6/4/65.

During the period of 5/17-21/65, [redacted]

[redacted] has advised that at one time the Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire (CKIE), which was actually the KKK, was active in the Lancaster, California area, with SWIFT acting as leader of this group, up to the fall of 1963. However the CKIE has been disbanded and SWIFT continues his hate group activities through his Church of Jesus Christ-Christian.

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Since Los Angeles Airtel, dated 5/21/65, the identity of [redacted] has never been disclosed by KLAC.

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Informants who are aware of racial matters in the Los Angeles, California area have advised that they know of no KKK activity in this area.

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Date: 3/28/66

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Via A I R T E L
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1127)

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (157-116) (RUC)

CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE
INVISIBLE EMPIRE, aka.
KU KLUX KLAN
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Re Buairtel to San Diego, 3/23/66.

In accordance with Bureau instructions, there is enclosed herewith for the Los Angeles Office, one copy of OSI report of Agent [redacted] dated 12/8/65 and entitled [redacted], date of birth [redacted] SSN [redacted], Ryan Aeronautical Company, 2701 Harbor Drive, San Diego, California".

Files of the San Diego Office contain no additional pertinent information regarding [redacted].

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1 - Mr. Rosack

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To: SAC, Los Angeles (157-712)

From: Director, FBI (157-1127) — 29

CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE, aka
KU KLUX KLAN
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Reurairtel 3/24/66 and Buairtel 3/23/66.

Referenced Los Angeles airtel is not responsive to the inquiries set forth in referenced Bureau airtel. You should, therefore, immediately determine whether [redacted] and [redacted], both former potential criminal informants, are agreeable to being contacted by a representative of the United States Air Force. You should also determine whether they are willing to furnish written statements regarding their knowledge of [redacted] communication with captioned organization. Determine whether they are willing to appear at a hearing regarding this matter. You should, of course, furnish their current addresses. b6 b7C b7D

Referenced Los Angeles airtel notes that the informants involved in this matter include [redacted] and are "currently unavailable or unsuitable as witnesses." Furnish specific information to justify your statement regarding each individual and include your recommendations concerning their availability. b7D

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NOTE: The Air Force, by letter dated 3/4/66 which was clarified 3/17/66 through liaison, requested the availability of above-mentioned individuals for a hearing concerning [redacted], who is an alleged member of captioned organization. Information from these sources appears in report of SA [redacted] dated 1/20/64 at Los Angeles. Since Los Angeles was not responsive to the initial Bureau airtel, this communication being sent. b6 b7C

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1127)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-712)

RE: CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE, aka Ku Klux Klan
RM (KLAN)

Re Bureau airtel dated 3/23/66.

Confidential informants LA T-1, LA T-2, and LA T-5 mentioned in referenced airtel are respectively [redacted] former PCI; [redacted] and [redacted] former PCI, all currently unavailable or unsuitable as witnesses.

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LA T-1 has been determined to be a very unstable and untrustworthy individual. LA T-2 is a current informant of the Los Angeles office who has been inactive recently because of a lack of Klan activity. LA T-5 was last known to be an informant for the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1127)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-712)

SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE, aka., Klu Klux Klan
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles dated 3/31/66.

Resident Agent covering the Lancaster, California area [redacted] and who also formerly handled informants, is currently on a ten day road trip. Specific answers from them will be obtained by the Resident Agent upon his return, and will be furnished the Bureau, as well as their current addresses.

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Information concerning previous statement of unavailability or unsuitability of witness set out as follows:

[redacted] was reported unsuitable because of handling agents past experience with him, resulting in his being considered unstable and untrustworthy.

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[redacted] was reported as unavailable inasmuch as he is currently informant of the Los Angeles Office also inactive recently because of a lack of Klan activity.

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[redacted] was reported as unavailable inasmuch as he was last known to this office as being an informant for the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office in the Lancaster, California area. A current contact, however, will be made with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office upon Resident Agent's return. b6 b7C b7D

Recommendations concerning availability of all witnesses will be made upon recontact as set out above.

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Date: 4/21/66

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1127)

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-712)

RE CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS
OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE, aka.
KKK
RACIAL MATTER (KLAN)

Re Los Angeles airtel, 4/5/66 and Bureau airtel 3/31/66.

On 4/18/66, [redacted], advised that he would not be willing to be contacted by a representative of the Air Force in connection with captioned matter, that he would not be willing to give a signed statement to the Air Force, nor would he be willing to testify at any hearings with regards to captioned matter on [redacted] He stated that to do any of the above would jeopardize his [redacted]

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On 4/19/66, [redacted] telephone [redacted] employed by [redacted] stated that the name [redacted] is vaguely familiar to him in connection with captioned matter, but he can recall nothing about him. He stated, however, that he will be willing to have an Air Force representative contact him, and that he would be willing to furnish a signed statement regarding said matter. He stated he would not be willing to appear at a hearing regarding [redacted] for fear of retribution from members or former members of the CKIE, aka. KKK.

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AT [redacted] CALIFORNIA: Will expeditiously contact former PCI [redacted] as to his (1) willingness to be contacted by a representative of the U.S. Air Force, (2) his willingness to furnish a written statement concerning his knowledge of [redacted] connection with captioned organization and (3) his willingness to appear at a hearing regarding [redacted] alleged membership in the CKIE.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will, upon completion of above interview with [redacted] promptly advise the Bureau of the results.

1 - Mr. Rachner
1 - Mr. Herington

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Date: May 12, 1966

To: Office of Special Investigations
Air Force
Attention: Chief, Counterintelligence Division

REC-39 157-1-32

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: [redacted]
(DOB: [redacted])
CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE

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Reference is made to your letter dated March 4, 1966, your file AFISIIB 32-5061.

In accordance with your request, confidential informants LA T-1, LA T-2, and LA T-5 were recontacted. These informants furnished information set forth in the report of Special Agent [redacted], dated January 20, 1964, at Los Angeles, captioned "Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire, Racial Matters."

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BY COURIER SVC.
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LA T-2 is currently furnishing information on a confidential basis to this Bureau and we are not in a position at this time to reveal the informant's identity. Further, the informant has advised he would not be willing to be contacted by a representative of the Air Force in connection with this matter and he is not willing to furnish a signed statement or testify at any hearings regarding [redacted].

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LA T-1 is identified as [redacted] telephone number [redacted] who is employed by [redacted] has advised that [redacted] name is now only vaguely familiar to him and he can recall no details concerning [redacted]. He advised, however, that he would be willing to furnish a signed statement regarding this matter. This source advised he would not be willing to appear at a hearing for fear of retribution from members or former members of this Klan organization.

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LA T-5 is [redacted] who resides at [redacted] and his telephone number is [redacted] is employed by [redacted]. He stated that if he were on [redacted] is willing to be contacted by a representative of the Air Force. He stated he does not presently recall anyone named [redacted], but if he is able to refresh his memory, he would be willing to furnish a written statement and would be willing to appear at a hearing regarding [redacted]. He requested that his identity, address, and employment be handled discreetly so that members or former members of this Klan organization will not learn of them.

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The FBI has no objection to your contacting [redacted] in connection with this inquiry.

NOTE: The Air Force requested the identity of these informants who had identified [redacted] as a member of this Klan organization. [redacted] has denied being a member. [redacted] and [redacted] are no longer being utilized by the Bureau as informants and as indicated, each offered no opposition to his identity being furnished to the Air Force in connection with this inquiry. T-2 is [redacted] who is currently furnishing valuable information to the Los Angeles Office as a racial informant. The Los Angeles Office had difficulty in relocating [redacted] for this interview. He was contacted on 4/5/66 and the information supplied the Bureau by airtel of that same date.

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FBI

Date: 5/4/66

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1127)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-712)

SUBJECT : CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE, Aka KKK RACIAL MATTER (KLAN)

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 4/21/66.

Former PCI [redacted] advised SA [redacted] on 5/4/66 that (1) he is willing to be contacted by a representative of the U.S. Air Force; (2) that he does not recall anyone of the name [redacted] but that if he is able to identify this person in his mind, he will be willing to furnish a written statement concerning him; and (3) that he is willing to appear at a hearing regarding [redacted] alleged membership in the Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire (CKIE) if he is able to recall [redacted].

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[redacted] currently resides with [redacted] residence telephone number is unlisted and is area code [redacted].

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[redacted] is currently employed by [redacted] telephone number [redacted]

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Special Agent in Charge

[redacted] requested that the Air Force representative contact him at his employment. He stated that if he is out [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] requested that his residence address and telephone number and his employment address and telephone number be handled with great care in order that no one from the CKIE will learn them.